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RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION (AIDS)/Promoting Sexual Activity-Drug Use

SUBJECT: Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995 . . . S. 641. Kassebaum amendment No. 1858.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 76-23

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 641, the Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995, will authorize "such sums as may be necessary" through fiscal year (FY) 2000 for the Ryan White CARE Act.

The Kassebaum amendment would add that none of the funds authorized under this Act would be used to fund AIDS programs, or to develop materials, designed to promote or encourage, directly, intravenous drug use or sexual activity, whether homosexual or hetero-sexual. Funds could be used to provide medical treatment and support services for people with HIV.

Those favoring the amendment contended:

Some of our colleagues are concerned that clean-needle programs and prophylactic programs designed to stem the spread of the AIDS virus may encourage homosexual activity and illegal drug use. Whether or not these concerns are valid, we have offered this amendment to set their minds at rest. The Kassebaum amendment would limit the use of funds authorized under this Act for medical treatment. It would not fund any prevention programs, and in that sense is narrower than the Helms amendment which the Senate agreed to earlier (see vote No. 333). Also the amendment is preferable because it is even-handed--it bars encouragement of both homosexual and hetero-sexual activity. We are pleased to vote in favor of the Kassebaum amendment.

Those opposing the amendment contended:

The Kassebaum amendment, with all due respect to its supporters, has been offered as a means of gutting the Helms amendment which was agreed to earlier. The definition of homosexual activities has been deleted, which is exactly what the homosexual lobby wanted to happen. In the past, when hopelessly vague, "even-handed" amendments such as the one before us have been offered after

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YEAS (76)				NAYS (23)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (32 or 60%)		Democrats (44 or 96%)		Republicans (21 or 40%)	Democrats (2 or 4%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Johnston	Ashcroft	Heflin	Bennett ²	
Bond	Jeffords	Baucus	Kennedy	Brown	Hollings		
Burns	Kassebaum	Biden	Kerrey	Coats			
Campbell	Kempthorne	Bingaman	Kerry	Cochran			
Chafee	Lugar	Boxer	Kohl	Coverdell			
Cohen	Mack	Bradley	Lautenberg	Faircloth			
Craig	McCain	Breaux	Leahy	Gramm			
D'Amato	Murkowski	Bryan	Levin	Grams			
DeWine	Packwood	Bumpers	Lieberman	Grassley			
Dole	Roth	Byrd	Mikulski	Helms			
Domenici	Santorum	Conrad	Moseley-Braun	Inhofe			
Frist	Simpson	Daschle	Moynihan	Kyl			
Gorton	Snowe	Dodd	Murray	Lott			
Gregg	Specter	Dorgan	Nunn	McConnell			
Hatch	Thomas	Exon	Pell	Nickles			
Hatfield	Warner	Feingold	Pryor	Pressler			
		Feinstein	Reid	Shelby			
		Ford	Robb	Smith			
		Glenn	Rockefeller	Stevens			
		Graham	Sarbanes	Thompson			
		Harkin	Simon	Thurmond			
		Inouye	Wellstone				

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Buisiness
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

substantive amendments on the issue of homosexuality have been agreed to, only the vague amendments have emerged from conference. Senators should be aware that only the Helms amendment would stop the promotion of homosexuality with funds from this bill. The Kassebaum amendment should therefore be rejected.